



Fire Department Press Release

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Subject : Open House – Fire Station #2 “The Hub”

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WHAT:

We are very pleased to have this opportunity to share our new home with the community that made it possible and for which it was built to protect. The Salina Fire Department will hold an open house to debut its newly remodeled fire station to the public.

Residents and children are welcome to tour the station, check out fire and rescue and EMS equipment, there will be a puppet show for the children and refreshments will be served.

WHEN:

Saturday, October 6th, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Fire Station #2 1110 S. Santa Fe

For additional information please call Public Education Specialist Debbie Weaver at 826-7340.

THE SALINA FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE STATION #2

CHANGES TO MEET THE COMMUNITY NEEDS



Fire Station #2 1957

During the 1950s Salina was growing steadily to the South, and the city fathers recognized the need for a second fire station. The question was: Where would be the best location for the new station? The decision was made and in 1957 Fire Station #2 was built at 1110 S. Santa Fe for a total cost of \$90,000. The station was designed to house two pieces of fire apparatus, with offices on the main floor, and sleeping quarters on the second floor. This design worked quite well for many years.

On January 1, 1983, the Salina Fire Department and Saline County EMS merged and a medic crew and ambulance were moved into Station #2. With the added personnel and equipment some minor changes were made to the station's floor plan in the late 80s.

Station #2 soon became too crowded with both fire and EMS equipment, along with a small kitchen, and no separate living facilities for men and women.

In the 1990s consideration was given to relocate Station #2 to a new location. A consulting firm, specializing in fire and police station locations, was hired by the City of Salina. The location study was completed in 2001, and the final report concluded that Station #2 was already in the ideal location.

The firm's recommendation was to build an addition onto the station and make it a "power station, or hub" instead of relocation. The components of the study considered the ISO ratings in which a ladder truck is required to be within 2.5 miles of commercial properties. With this, the city decided that it would be in the best interest of the citizens to buy the adjacent properties to the North and the West and expand the existing station.

With the approval of the project from the city commissioners, bids were accepted and Harbin Construction of Salina won the con-

tract for a total cost of 1.2 million dollars with ground breaking in March of 2006.

During construction, the ambulance was relocated to Fire Station #1, and the engine company moved into the house directly behind Station #2.

The project was ahead of schedule and the crews were able to move back into the station in November of 2006 on a temporary occupancy permit.

The project completely renovated the old station, and the new addition has two drive-through bays to house Ladder #2 and the new HazMat truck. The upper floor addition includes a classroom, workout room, and sleeping quarters for the crews.

In the spring of 2007 the station was completely finished, the personnel and all the equipment were in place. Station #2 is now the central hub that backs every station for fire or medical emergencies.

Progressive Changes

- 1957 Fire Station #2 built
- 1983 Saline County EMS and Salina Fire Department merge
- 2001 Location study complete
- 2006 Remodeling and Addition to Fire Station #2
- 2007 Fire Station #2 becomes Central Hub



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